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There must be real penities with the Microsoft settlement. Penities which improve the competitive software market.

Microsoft should be fined a significant amount of money (say 2 billion dollards) which should be specifically allocated to Netscape and other vendors to develop a competitive browsers with all browser standards cross platform. Microsoft should be barred from adding to their browser any special capability that is windows only. If they want to add some special capability, source code should be available to competitors (six months in advance) for other OS's migration. Any significant efforts must be made to maintain the World Wide Wed OS neutral design.

As for their major leverage with Windows, the settlement should delute thier competitive advance to leverage Windows only applications with their Windows Operating system.

Microsoft should be requiried to make their applications available on both Linux, Solaris, HP and IBM Unix for the next five years as they are doing with Apple Computer. This must include all significant Business applications including Office, Microsoft Project, and Visio. Note: for Apple at present, they have this agreement only for Office. Corporations cannot consider switching to another OS until the other Business applications are also available. This should also include any other future significant Business applications. Also, when Micrososft releases updates, all pending competing product vendors (or translator vendors) should have a release at lease six months in advance of all information necessary for the development translator This should be the law for all software vendors anyway.

These suggestion I think will make the software market more competitive.

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